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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 412 WARREN County, Kentucky Court Records – Civil War Indictments

1 box. 24 folders. 257 items. 1862-1866. Originals, typescripts.

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COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of records of the Warren (County, Kentucky) Equity and Criminal Court or the Warren Circuit Court relating to the attempted prosecution of Confederate soldiers and sympathizers for acts of theft, property destruction, aid to the enemy, conspiracy or treason committed in Bowling Green, Kentucky during the Civil War. The records commonly contain an indictment and supporting documentation such as arrest warrants, summons to witnesses, and bail bonds. The defendants include local citizens, soldiers and officers of the Confederate Army, and members of the provisional Confederate government of Kentucky, a pro-secessionist group that convened in Russellville in November 1861, declared itself a government in opposition to the elected state government, and designated Bowling Green as its capital.

The folder information below summarizes each case by giving the names of the defendants and a brief description of the charge(s). No final dispositions of the cases appear in these records, although a few include pardons or reprieves. Some of the indictments have been typescripted. This collection also includes the record of an 1866 murder charge against a free man of color (Folder 23), and an incomplete record of an unspecified charge against a woman in 1864 (Folder 24).

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Folder 18	Commonwealth v. Lewis W. Potter, Joseph F. Bettersworth and William H. Jones Usurpation of office; pretending to be and exercising the duties of Sheriff of Warren County and deputies; Lewis Potter pardoned	1862-1866	19 items
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